

Prior law provided that upon application of the owner or operator of any vehicle or combination of vehicles transporting farm and forest products in their natural state, transporting seed cotton modules, transporting cotton seed from the gin to the mill, or transporting raw sugar from the mill to the refinery, the secretary of the Dept. of Transportation and Development shall issue special harvest season permits within 48 hours of application and payment of fee for the transportation of farm and forest products in their natural state, for the transportation of seed cotton modules, for the transportation of cotton seed from the gin to the mill, or for the transportation of raw sugar from the mill to the refinery, on any state-maintained highway except the interstate system for a total gross weight of 86,600 pounds for any vehicle or combination of vehicles provided:

- (1) The total weight of any single axle shall not exceed 22,000 pounds.
- (2) The total gross weight of any tandem axle shall not exceed 37,000 pounds.

New law retains prior law and additionally provides that such harvest season permits shall be issued for transporting brewer's grain.

Prior law provided that under the same harvest season permit, the owners and operators shall be authorized to transport farm and forest products in their natural state, to transport seed cotton modules, to transport cotton seed from the gin to the mill, or to transport raw sugar from the mill to the refinery, on the interstate system for a total gross weight of 83,400 pounds for any vehicle or combination of vehicles provided:

- (1) The total gross weight of any single axle shall not exceed 20,000 pounds.
- (2) The total gross weight of any tandem axle shall not exceed 35,200 pounds.

New law retains prior law and also authorizes the transport of brewer's grain.

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